

# California's Forest and Range Assessment Steering Committee

## Draft List of FRASC Questions

- 1) Would you explain the interdependence between rural and urban places? What forces are driving population growth or loss in rural California? What are some of the opportunities and challenges for community economic development?
- 2) How should we analyze or evaluate rural economies for the 2015 Assessment? What would be an effective analytical framework and are there any key data sets that we should be focused on? Given the wealth of indicators for rural economies, if you were limited to reporting on just three or four, what would you recommend?
- 3) In what ways has environmental protection and improvement contributed to rural economic well-being? Has it been a drag on rural economic conditions in terms of job creation? What are the economic tradeoffs for environmental protection?
- 4) Is there empirical evidence to suggest that there is a mix of noncommercial goods and services that make rural communities in California attractive places to live? If so, what methods and evidence can be used to describe the phenomenon?
- 5) How have the economies of rural areas changed over the last 30+ years. Are these same trends continuing? How have those changes differed from previous era changes? How is this process affecting the uses and management of forests and rangelands in the region?
- 6) Do most rural workers serve the forestry, farming and ranching community? If not, why do they live in rural areas? What is the connection between forest and rangelands and the rest of the national and international economy?



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